

## Geography Glossary

**basin**

a land area mostly surrounded by higher land

**bay**

a small area of ocean partly surrounded by land

**canal**

a waterway dug across land

**canyon**

a narrow valley with high, steep sides

**delta**

a soil deposit at a river's mouth, usually triangle-shaped

**divide**

a high ridge of land between areas with different river basins

**fjord**

a narrow inlet of sea between high, steep banks

**foothill**

a low hill at the base of a mountain

**gulf**

a large area of ocean partly surrounded by land

**hill**

a small, raised part of land lower than a mountain

**isthmus**

a narrow strip of land connecting two larger land areas

**mesa**

a flat-topped hill with steep sides

**mountain range**

a group or chain of mountains

**peak**

the pointed top of a mountain

**peninsula**

land surrounded by water on three sides

**plain**

a large area of flat or gently rolling land

**plateau**

an area of high, flat land

**strait**

a narrow water passage between two larger bodies of water

**valley**

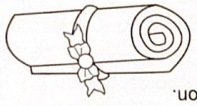
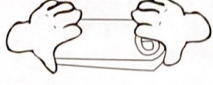
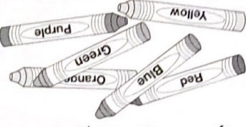

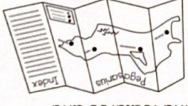




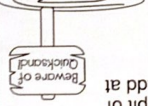



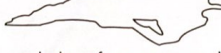


low land between mountains or hills

**volcano**

a hill or mountain formed by molten rock forced through the earth's surface

**Note To The Teacher:** Use with "A Map in A Month" on page 228. Provide each student with a pencil, a 12" x 18" sheet of white construction paper, a ruler, a piece of yarn or ribbon, crayons or colored pencils, and a copy of "Geography Glossary" on page 239. Reference materials may also be needed.

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 <p>Share your map with the class. Roll up the map and tie it with a piece of yarn or ribbon.</p>	<p><i>Audrey Alphin</i></p> <p>A <i>cartographer</i> is a person who makes maps. Write your map you have just made.</p>	 <p>Ask a partner to check your map. Did you include all of the required items? Did you label the map correctly?</p>	 <p>Make your map colorful using crayons or colored pencils.</p>	 <p>A <i>motto</i> is a word, phrase, or sentence written on something to describe it. Write an original motto for your country below its name.</p>
 <p>Add an index to your map so visitors to your country can quickly find features and places.</p>	 <p>Use a ruler and a pencil to draw a grid on your map. Make sure your grid boxes are the same size.</p>	 <p>Add a key to your map. Include symbols for geographic features, cities, attractions, plants, animals, etc. Also, if you didn't draw symbols for these features on your map before, do it now.</p>	 <p>What kinds of plants and animals live in your country? Label your map with three of each.</p>	 <p>What kind of climate does your country have? Label your country's climate zones.</p>
 <p>Any special attractions in your country, like a 300-foot waterfall or a pit of quicksand? Add at least three attractions to your map.</p>	 <p>Label five cities on your map. Create a symbol to indicate the capital city.</p>	<p>1 inch = 100 miles</p> <p>Add a scale of miles to your map.</p>	 <p>Add a compass rose to your map.</p>	<p>Write a name for each landform and waterway on your map. Stick to your theme and be creative! For example, if your country is candy-coated, include a name such as "Caramel Canyon" or "Peppermint Prairie."</p>
 <p>On the back of this sheet, list 15 geographic features to add to your map. Include landforms and waterways. Use the "Geography Glossary" on page 239 for help. Add these features to your map.</p>	<p><i>Regaspnius</i></p> <p>Write the name at the top of your paper.</p>	 <p>On a 12" x 18" sheet of white construction paper, draw an outline of your imaginary country. Make the outline fill up about 3/4 of your paper.</p>	 <p>What is your country going to be like? Is it a land of monsters or a land of the future? Think of a theme for your country. Keep this theme in mind when making your map.</p>	 <p>Read over the directions in each box. Make sure you understand the terms used and how to complete each part of your map. Use references and other maps if you need help.</p>